

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

May 29, 2013

7:00 P.M.

2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building

10 Hotel Street

Warrenton, VA 20186

Members Present: Peter S. Eltringham, Chairman, Ed Moore, Vice Chairman, Adrienne Garreau, Matthew Sheedy, Tony Tedeschi, John Green Mark Nesbit and Jeffrey Walker

Members Absent: R. Holder Trumbo

Guests Present: David Pearce, VDOT

Staff Present: Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

Mark Nesbit, the new VDOT Warrenton Residency Administrator was introduced to the committee.

1. Approval of April 24, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Tony Tedeschi, it was moved to approve the April 24, 2013 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ongoing Business

Mr. Pearce noted VDOT will have results from various requested studies by the next meeting.

3. New Citizen Requests

- **Greenwich Road**

Mrs. Eddy reviewed the request for a reduction in speed and signage to warn drivers of the entrance to the Brisbois residence and farm.

Mr. Dyer described the poor visibility on his section of Greenwich Road and requested VDOT consider reducing the speed to 35 mph along with a sign indicating “Watch for Turning Vehicles” or a flashing light. He further requested school bus stop signs and

staff confirmed that request has been submitted to the School Transportation Department for review.

Mr. Moore stated he spent about two hours along Greenwich Road today between Route 215 and Route 605 where he counted approximately twenty one driveways and agreed that there are numerous site distance issues.

Mr. Pearce agreed to research current safety and speed data in order for VDOT to suggest safety improvements at the next meeting.

ACTION: VDOT will research current safety and speed data and report back to the committee in 30 days.

- **Route 29/Route 600**

Mrs. Eddy provided a description of the request in the absence of Ms. Benedict.

Mr. Moore stated he spent time at the intersection noting many drivers run through the light as it turns red on Route 29 while the cross traffic from Route 600 is given a green light to proceed leaving little time in between the change.

Mr. Eltringham explained the goals of the New Baltimore Service District Citizens' Committee and that improvements are being considered for this intersection.

Mr. Nesbit added that VDOT has a simple established formula for the timing of lights; speed vs. geometry vs. distance traveled.

Mr. Weber, Scott District, indicated that cars are allowed U-turns on Route 29 into the same lane as cars from Route 600 are given a green light to turn.

Mr. Nesbit agreed to discuss the signal timing with the appropriate department and look into the U-turn issue.

ACTION: VDOT will evaluate the signal timing and the U-turn lane and will report back to the committee in 30 days.

4. Interstate Six-Year Plan

Mrs. Eddy reviewed the two Fauquier County recommended projects on Interstate 66 that have not been placed on VDOT's Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Eltringham suggested the committee needs to come up with a plan to assist the VDOT residency in elevating these projects to a higher priority.

Mr. Nesbit suggested the committee add language supporting why the projects should be included, such as a problem statement.

5. *Lunsford Road Rural Rustic Recommendation*

Mrs. Eddy explained the Rural Rustic Road Program is a possible alternative for paving Lunsford Road and the Board of Supervisors would like a recommendation from the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Moore spoke in support of paving this road using the Rural Rustic program.

Mr. Pearce stated he will verify the criteria for roads to be eligible.

Mr. Litchfield commented that the speed limit currently at 20 mph will be increased to 35 mph if paved through this program and will be less expensive than traditional paving.

ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Matthew Sheedy, it was moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Lunsford Road be paved under the Rural Rustic Road Program. The motion carried 5-0 with John Green abstaining.

6. *Regional Commission SYIP Letter of Support*

Mr. Walker explained the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) intends to provide a letter of support for projects in the PD9 region that will be provided to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as a recommendation by the Rural Transportation Technical Committee. Therefore the RRRC is seeking feedback from this committee of their priorities in order to secure funding for these projects.

After discussion, the committee suggested they use the three current Six-Year Improvement Plan Resolutions noting they do not support Route 215 as a four lane road.

ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved that RRRC use the County's Six Year Improvement Plan noting a four lane Route 215 is not supported. The motion carried 5-1 with John Green opposing.

7. *Citizens' Time*

None.

8. *Other Items*

Mr. Eltringham provided an overview of the previous evening's Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting.

Mr. Eltringham reviewed a handout of the VDOT Draft 2014-2019 Six-Year Interstate & Primary Improvement Program.

Mrs. Eddy asked VDOT if they were aware of increased number of logging trucks using Main Street in Marshall.

Mr. Tedeschi mentioned there will be a Town of Warrenton Transportation Committee meeting on Friday, June 7, 2013.

Mr. Moore noted that the Brookside Parkway is due to be completed this summer, which is anticipated to relieve traffic using Route 215.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 26, 2013.**